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## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**NAC 503.0001 Definitions.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#)) As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in [NAC 503.001](#) to [503.0045](#), inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

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**NAC 503.001 "Department" defined.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#)) "Department" means the Department of Wildlife.

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**NAC 503.0015 "Endangered" defined.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#)) "Endangered" means when a species or subspecies is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs by R133-04, eff. 10-28-2004)

**NAC 503.003 "Nontoxic shot" defined.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#)) "Nontoxic shot" means any shot that has been approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service pursuant to 50 C.F.R. § 20.134.

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**NAC 503.0035 "Protected" defined.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#)) "Protected" means when a species or subspecies is classified as protected by the Commission pursuant to [NAC 503.103](#).

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**NAC 503.004 "Sensitive" defined.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#)) "Sensitive" means when a species or subspecies is classified as sensitive by the Commission pursuant to [NAC 503.104](#).

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**NAC 503.0045 "Threatened" defined.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#)) "Threatened" means when a species or subspecies is likely to become an endangered species in the near future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

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## CLASSIFICATION AND TAKING OF WILDLIFE

**NAC 503.005 Applicability.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#)) The provisions of [NAC 503.005](#) to [503.104](#), inclusive, do not apply to any species or subspecies of wildlife that was classified before June 1, 1992, unless that species or subspecies is being reclassified pursuant to a regulation of the Commission.

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**NAC 503.015 Wild mammals.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) Wild mammals include all species classified as game, fur-bearing, protected and unprotected mammals.

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**NAC 503.020 Game mammals.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) The following wild mammals are further classified as game mammals:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
1. Antelope	Pronghorn.....	<i>Antilocapra americana</i>
2. Bear	Black.....	<i>Ursus americanus</i>
3. Deer	Mule.....	<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>
4. Goat	Mountain.....	<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>
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5. Lion	.....	<i>Felis concolor</i>
6. Moose		<i>Alces alces</i>
7. Peccary		<i>Pecari angulatus</i>
8. Rabbit	Cottontail (Audubon).....	<i>Sylvilagus audubonii</i>
	Cottontail (Nuttall).....	<i>Sylvilagus nuttallii</i>
	Pygmy.....	<i>Sylvilagus idahoensis</i>
	Snowshoe.....	<i>Lepus americanus</i>
	White-tailed Jack.....	<i>Lepus townsendii</i>
9. Sheep	Bighorn.....	<i>Ovis canadensis canadensis</i>
		<i>Ovis canadensis nelsoni</i>
		<i>Ovis canadensis californiana</i>
10. Elk	Rocky Mountain.....	<i>Cervus elaphus nelsoni</i>

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm'rs, part No. 1, eff. 7-1-69; A 10-1-76]—(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, 2-28-94; R133-04, 10-28-2004)

**NAC 503.025 Fur-bearing mammals.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) Fur-bearing mammals include:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
1. Beaver		<i>Castor canadensis</i>
2. Bobcat		<i>Lynx rufus</i>
3. Fox	Gray.....	<i>Urocyon cinereoargenteus</i>
	Kit (Swift).....	<i>Vulpes velox</i>
	Red.....	<i>Vulpes vulpes</i>
4. Marten	American.....	<i>Martes americana</i>
5. Mink		<i>Mustela vison</i>
6. Muskrat		<i>Ondatra zibethica</i>
7. Otter	River.....	<i>Lontra canadensis</i>

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**NAC 503.030 Protected, threatened and sensitive mammals. ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#))**

1. Protected mammals include:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Pika		<i>Ochotona princeps</i>
(b) Squirrel	Chickaree (Douglas).....	<i>Tamiasciurus douglasi</i>
	Northern Flying.....	<i>Glaucomys sabrinus</i>
	Western Gray.....	<i>Sciurus griseus</i>
(c) Myotis	Fringed.....	<i>Myotis thysanoides</i>
(d) Bat	Pallid.....	<i>Antrozous pallidus</i>
	Allen’s Lappet-eared.....	<i>Idionycteris phyllotis</i>
	Brazilian Free-tailed.....	<i>Tadarida brasiliensis</i>
(e) Mouse	Dark Kangaroo.....	<i>Microdipodops megacephalus</i>
	Pale Kangaroo.....	<i>Microdipodops pallidus</i>

2. The following species of protected mammal is further classified as threatened:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
Bat	Spotted.....	<i>Euderma maculatum</i>

3. The following species of protected mammals are further classified as sensitive:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Bat	California Leaf-nosed.....	<i>Macrotus californicus</i>
	Western Red.....	<i>Lasiurus blossevillii</i>
	Townsend’s Big-eared.....	<i>Corynorhinus townsendii</i>
	Western Mastiff.....	<i>Eumops perotis</i>
(b) Beaver	Sierra Mountain.....	<i>Aplodontia rufa californica</i>
(c) Chipmunk	Hidden Forest Uinta.....	<i>Tamias umbrinus nevadensis</i>
	Palmer’s.....	<i>Tamias palmeri</i>
(d) Vole	Ash Meadows Montane.....	<i>Microtus montanus nevadensis</i>
	Pahranagat Valley Montane.....	<i>Microtus montanus fucosus</i>

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**NAC 503.035 Unprotected mammals. ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#))**

Unprotected mammals:

1. Are all species of mammals which are not classified as game, fur-bearing, protected, sensitive, threatened or endangered animals.

2. Include:

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
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	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Coyote		<i>Canis latrans</i>
(b) Rabbit	Black-tailed Jack.....	<i>Lepus californicus</i>
(c) Skunk	Spotted.....	<i>Spilogale gracilis</i>
	Striped.....	<i>Mephitis mephitis</i>
(d) Weasel	Long-tailed.....	<i>Mustela frenata</i>
	Short-tailed.....	<i>Mustela erminea</i>

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**NAC 503.040 Wild birds.** Wild birds include all species classified as game, protected and unprotected birds.

(Supplied in codification)

**NAC 503.045 Game birds: Upland and migratory.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) Game birds are classified as:

1. Upland game birds, which include:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Grouse	Blue.....	<i>Dendragapus obscurus</i>
	Ruffed.....	<i>Bonasa umbellus</i>
	Sage.....	<i>Centrocercus urophasianus</i>
	Sharp-tailed.....	<i>Tympanuchus phasianellus</i>
(b) Partridge	Chukar.....	<i>Alectoris chukar</i>
	Gray (Hungarian).....	<i>Perdix perdix</i>
	Snow.....	<i>Tetrogallus himalayensis</i>
(c) Pheasant	Ring-necked.....	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
	White-wing.....	<i>Phasianus colchicus</i>
(d) Quail	Northern Bobwhite.....	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>
	California.....	<i>Callipepla californicus</i>
	Gambel's.....	<i>Callipepla gambelii</i>
	Mountain.....	<i>Oreortyx pictus</i>
	Scaled.....	<i>Callipepla squamata</i>
(e) Turkey	Wild.....	<i>Meleagris gallopavo</i>
(f) Crow	American.....	<i>Corvus brachyrhynchos</i>

2. Migratory game birds, which include all species of game birds listed in the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 et seq., including the families Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, brants and swans), Columbidae (wild doves and pigeons), Gruidae (sandhill cranes), Rallidae (rails, coots and gallinules) and Scolopacidae (woodcocks and snipes).

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**NAC 503.050 Protected, endangered and sensitive birds.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) Protected birds:

1. Are all species of wild birds protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 et seq., and listed in 50 C.F.R. § 10.13, unless such wild birds are migratory game birds as described in subsection 2 of [NAC 503.045](#).
2. Include the following species which are further classified as endangered:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Eagle	Bald.....	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
(b) Falcon	Peregrine.....	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>
(c) Rail	Yuma Clapper.....	<i>Rallus longirostris yumanensis</i>
(d) Flycatcher	Southwestern Willow.....	<i>Empidonax traillii extimus</i>

Applicable federal law is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 et seq., the Bald Eagle Protection Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 668 et seq., and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

3. Include the following species which are further classified as sensitive:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Goshawk	Northern.....	<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>
(b) Cuckoo	Yellow-billed.....	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>
(c) Shrike	Loggerhead.....	<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>
(d) Thrasher	Sage.....	<i>Oreoscoptes montanus</i>
(e) Sparrow	Brewer's.....	<i>Spizella breweri</i>

Applicable federal law is the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 et seq., and federal regulations adopted pursuant thereto.

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**NAC 503.055 Unprotected birds.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) Unprotected birds:

1. Are all species of birds which are not classified as game, protected, threatened or endangered birds.
2. Include:

<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
House Sparrow.....	<i>Passer domesticus</i>
Starling.....	<i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm'rs, part No. 1, eff. 7-1-69; A 7-1-70; 5-15-74; 10-1-76]—  
(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, 7-6-92)

**NAC 503.060 Game fish.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) The following species of fish and all hybrids thereof are classified as game fish:

1. Cold-water game fish are:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Cutthroat trout	Bonneville.....	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki utah</i>
	Lahontan.....	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi</i>
	Snake River (Yellowstone).....	<i>Oncorhynchus clarki bouvieri</i>
(b) Salmon		<i>Oncorhynchus</i> ssp.
	Atlantic.....	<i>Salmo salar</i>
(c) Trout	Brook.....	<i>Salvelinus fontinalis</i>
	Brown.....	<i>Salmo trutta</i>
	Bull.....	<i>Salvelinus confluentis</i>
	Lake.....	<i>Salvelinus namaycush</i>
	Rainbow.....	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i>
	Redband.....	<i>Oncorhynchus mykiss gibbsi</i>
(d) Whitefish	Mountain.....	<i>Prosopium williamsoni</i>

2. Warm-water game fish are:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Pike	Northern.....	<i>Esox lucius</i>
(b) Bullhead	Black.....	<i>Ameiurus melas</i>
	Brown.....	<i>Ameiurus nebulosus</i>
(c) Catfish	Channel.....	<i>Ictalurus punctatus</i>
	White.....	<i>Ameiurus catus</i>
(d) Bass	Striped.....	<i>Morone saxatilis</i>
	White.....	<i>Morone chrysops</i>
	Largemouth Black.....	<i>Micropterus salmoides</i>
	Smallmouth Black.....	<i>Micropterus dolomieu</i>
	Spotted.....	<i>Micropterus punctulatus</i>
(e) Crappie	Black.....	<i>Pomoxis nigromaculatus</i>
	White.....	<i>Pomoxis annularis</i>
(f) Perch	Sacramento.....	<i>Archoplites interruptus</i>
	Yellow.....	<i>Perca flavescens</i>
(g) Sunfish	Bluegill.....	<i>Lepomis macrochirus</i>
	Green.....	<i>Lepomis cyanellus</i>
	Redear.....	<i>Lepomis microlophus</i>
(h) Walleye		<i>Stizostedion vitreum</i>

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm'rs, part No. 1, eff. 7-1-69; A 7-1-70; 1-1-74]—(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, 1-1-81; 12-15-81; 12-1-82; 4-27-84, eff. 5-25-84; 12-11-87; R137-98, 9-25-98)

**NAC 503.065 Protected, endangered and threatened fish. ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#))**

1. The following species of fish are classified as protected:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Chub	Alvord Tui.....	<i>Gila alvordensis</i>
	Fish Creek Springs Tui.....	<i>Gila bicolor euchila</i>
	Sheldon Tui.....	<i>Gila bicolor eurysoma</i>
(b) Dace	Oasis Valley Speckled.....	<i>Rhinichthys osculus</i> ssp.
(c) Spinedace	Virgin.....	<i>Lepidomeda mollispinis</i> <i>mollispinis</i>

Suckers (Catostomidae)

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(d) Sucker	Wall Canyon.....	<i>Catostomus</i> ssp.
	Warner.....	<i>Catostomus warnerensis</i>
	White River	<i>Catostomus clarki intermedius</i>
	Desert.....	

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(e) Springfish	Moorman River.....	White <i>Crenichthys baileyi thermopilus</i>
	Preston River.....	White <i>Crenichthys baileyi albivallis</i>

2. The following species of protected fish are further classified as endangered:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Chub	Bonytail.....	<i>Gila elegans</i>
	Independence Tui.....	Valley <i>Gila bicolor isolata</i>
	Pahranagat	<i>Gila robusta jordani</i>
	Roundtail.....	

	Virgin River.....	<i>Gila robusta seminuda</i>
(b) Dace	Moapa.....	<i>Moapa coriacea</i>
	Ash Meadows Speckled.....	<i>Rhinichthys osculus nevadensis</i>
	Clover Valley Speckled.....	<i>Rhinichthys osculus oligoporus</i>
	Independence Valley Speckled.....	<i>Rhinichthys osculus lethoporus</i>
(c) Spinedace	White River.....	<i>Lepidomeda albivalis</i>
(d) Squawfish	Colorado.....	<i>Ptychocheilus lucius</i>
(e) Woundfin		<i>Plagopterus argentissimus</i>

Suckers (Catostomidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(f) Sucker	Cui-ui.....	<i>Chasmistes cujus</i>
	Razorback.....	<i>Xyrauchen texanus</i>

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(g) Poolfish	Pahrump.....	<i>Empetrichthys latos</i>
(h) Pupfish	Devil's Hole.....	<i>Cyprinodon diabolis</i>
	Warm Springs.....	<i>Cyprinodon nevadensis pectoralis</i>
(i) Springfish	Hiko White River.....	<i>Crenichthys baileyi grandis</i>
	White River.....	<i>Crenichthys baileyi baileyi</i>

3. The following species of protected fish are further classified as threatened:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

	Common Name	Scientific Name
(a) Dace	Desert.....	<i>Eremichthys acros</i>
(b) Spinedace	Big Spring.....	<i>Lepidomeda mollispinis pratensis</i>

Killifishes (Cyprinodontidae)

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(c) Pupfish	Ash Meadows Amargosa.....	<i>Cyprinodon nevadensis mionectes</i>
(d) Springfish	Railroad Valley.....	<i>Crenichthys nevadae</i>

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm'rs, part No. 1, eff. 7-1-69; A 7-1-70; 6-1-71; 1-1-73; 1-1-74; 5-15-74; 10-1-76]—(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, 1-1-81; 12-15-81; 12-1-82; R137-98, 9-25-98)

**NAC 503.067 Sensitive fish.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) The following species of protected fish are further classified as sensitive:

Minnows (Cyprinidae)

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
1. Chub	Big Smoky Valley Tui.....	<i>Gila bicolor</i> ssp.
	Fish Lake Valley Tui.....	<i>Gila bicolor</i> ssp.
	Hot Creek Valley Tui.....	<i>Gila robusta</i> ssp.
	Newark Valley Tui.....	<i>Gila bicolor newarkensis</i>
	Virgin River (Muddy River Population).....	<i>Gila seminuda</i>
	Railroad Valley Tui.....	<i>Gila bicolor</i> ssp.
2. Dace	Big Smoky Valley Speckled.....	<i>Rhinichthys osculus lariversi</i>
	Monitor Valley Speckled.....	<i>Rhinichthys osculus</i> ssp.
	Moapa Speckled.....	<i>Rhinichthys osculus moapae</i>
	Relict.....	<i>Relictus solitarus</i>
	White River Speckled.....	<i>Rhinichthys osculus velifer</i>

Suckers (Catostomidae)

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
3. Sucker	Meadow Valley Wash Desert....	<i>Catostomus clarki</i> ssp.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 12-15-81; A 12-1-82; R137-98, 9-25-98)

**NAC 503.070 Unprotected fish.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) Unprotected fish are all species of fish not classified as game, protected, threatened, sensitive or endangered fish.

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm'rs, part No. 1, eff. 7-1-69]—(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, 12-15-81; 7-6-92)

**NAC 503.075 Amphibians: Classification.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#))

1. Amphibians are classified as game, protected, threatened, sensitive, endangered or unprotected amphibians.

2. The following amphibians are classified as protected:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
(a) Frog	Northern leopard frog.....	<i>Rana pipiens</i>
	Relict leopard.....	<i>Rana onca</i>
	Spotted.....	<i>Rana luteiventris</i>
	(b) Toad	Amargosa.....

3. Unprotected amphibians are all species of amphibians which are not classified as game, protected, threatened, sensitive or endangered amphibians.

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm'rs, part No. 1, eff. 7-1-69; A 5-15-74; 10-1-76]—(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs by R137-98, 9-25-98; R094-03, 10-30-2003)

**NAC 503.080 Reptiles: Classification.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#))

1. The following reptiles are classified as protected:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
Lizard	Gila Monster.....	<i>Heloderma suspectum</i>
	Sierra Alligator.....	<i>Elgaria coerulea palmeri</i>
	Shasta Alligator.....	<i>Elgaria coerulea shastaensis</i>
Snake	Sonoran Mountain King.....	<i>Lampropeltis pyromelana</i>

2. The following protected reptile is further classified as threatened:

	<b>Common Name</b>	<b>Scientific Name</b>
Tortoise	Desert.....	<i>Gopherus agassizi</i>

3. All species of reptiles which are not classified as protected, sensitive, threatened or endangered are unprotected.

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm'rs, part No. 1, eff. 7-1-69; A 7-1-70; 10-1-76]—(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, 11-10-83; 12-13-91; 7-6-92; R133-04, 10-28-2004)

**NAC 503.090 Seasons: Protected wildlife; unprotected wildlife.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#))

1. There is no open season on those species of wild mammals, wild birds, fish, reptiles or amphibians classified as protected.

2. There is no closed season on those species of wild mammals or wild birds classified as unprotected.

[Bd. of Fish & Game Comm'rs, part No. 1, eff. 7-1-69]—(NAC A by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs by R133-04, 10-28-2004)

**NAC 503.093 Appropriate license, permit or authorization required to hunt, take or possess protected wildlife; exceptions.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#))

1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, a person shall not hunt or take any wildlife which is classified as protected, or possess any part thereof, without first obtaining the appropriate license, permit or written authorization from the Department.

2. Such a license, permit or authorization is not required for:

(a) The possession of a desert tortoise which:

(1) Was held in captivity on or before August 4, 1989; or

(2) Is acquired through an adoption program approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(b) The possession of any species of wildlife classified as protected in Nevada which is:

(1) Lawfully killed in another state and imported to Nevada; and

(2) Possessed under the authority of the other state's appropriate license, tag, permit or other authorization.

(c) The taking of a protected vector or a protected venomous reptile:

(1) Which is found in a residence, school or other building open to the public; or

(2) If the taking is necessary to protect the life of any person in imminent danger of being attacked or bitten by the protected vector or protected venomous reptile.

3. As used in this section:

(a) "Classified as protected" includes wildlife that is classified as sensitive, threatened or endangered.

(b) "Vector" means a living nonhuman animal capable of carrying infectious disease from one person or animal to another.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 12-13-91; A 1-24-92; R077-00, 8-18-2000; R133-04, 10-28-2004)

**NAC 503.094 Scientific permit for collection or possession of wildlife.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#), [503.650](#))

1. The Department may issue a scientific permit pursuant to [NRS 503.650](#) which authorizes the taking, killing, possessing or banding of any species of wildlife, or the collecting of the nest or eggs thereof, for strictly scientific or educational purposes.

2. An applicant for a scientific permit must include on his application:

(a) The name of the applicant;

(b) The name of the company or institution that the applicant is representing;

(c) The physical or mailing addresses of the applicant's residence and place of employment;

(d) The telephone numbers of the applicant's residence and place of employment;

(e) The driver's license number of the applicant, if he has been issued a driver's license;

(f) The name of each person or group of persons who will collect wildlife under the authority of the scientific permit and at the direction of the applicant;

(g) The common and scientific name and the number of each species of wildlife, or nests or eggs thereof, to be collected, possessed, marked or banded;

(h) The manner and means by which each specimen of wildlife will be collected or captured;

(i) The locations at which and the dates when the specimens of wildlife are to be collected;

(j) A brief synopsis, not to exceed five pages, of the purpose and justification for the collection and possession of the specimens of wildlife;

(k) The location where the specimens of wildlife will be transferred or held once collected; and

(l) The signature of the applicant and the date on which the application was signed.

3. A scientific permit must be valid for not more than 2 years. Upon its evaluation of the application, the Department will issue the scientific permit based on a calendar year or a fiscal year.

4. Not later than 30 days after the date on which the permit expires, the holder of a scientific permit shall submit to the Department a complete report which details the species of wildlife collected, the number of each species of wildlife collected at each location, the date on which each species of wildlife was collected and any other information which the Department requires.

5. Based on its evaluation of the application, the Department may make such stipulations and conditions on the use and scope of a scientific permit as the Department determines appropriate. A violation of a stipulation or condition is cause for the cancellation of the permit.

6. A scientific permit issued by the Department for the collection or possession of:

(a) A migratory bird that is protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 703 et seq.; or

(b) A species of wildlife that is listed as threatened or endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service,

↪ is not valid for the collection or possession of the migratory bird or the threatened or endangered species until the Department receives a copy of the federal permit issued by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to the applicant for the collection or possession of the bird or species.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 7-1-97)

**NAC 503.095 Permit to collect unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes.**  
([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#), [503.380](#))

1. It is unlawful for a person to collect unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes without a permit.

2. Except as otherwise provided in [NAC 503.513](#) and [503.545](#), the Department will issue a permit authorizing a natural person to collect unprotected wildlife for commercial

purposes with a seine, net, noose, trap or other device if, after an investigation is conducted, it is proved to the Department that the collecting will not be detrimental to wildlife or the habitat of the wildlife. The annual fee for a permit issued pursuant to this section is \$250.

3. An application for a permit issued pursuant to this section must be submitted on a form furnished by the Department or a facsimile of the form.

4. An applicant for a permit issued pursuant to this section must include on the application:

- (a) The name of the applicant;
- (b) The physical and mailing addresses of the applicant's residence and place of employment;
- (c) The telephone numbers of the applicant's residence and place of employment;
- (d) The driver's license number of the applicant, if he has been issued a driver's license;
- (e) The date of birth of the applicant;
- (f) The methods and equipment to be used in the collection of the wildlife;
- (g) The location, by county or region, where the wildlife is to be collected;
- (h) The address of the location where the wildlife will be held while it is in the possession of the applicant;
- (i) If the applicant has been convicted of violating the laws or regulations of any state or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to the commercialization of wildlife within the 5 years immediately preceding the date of the application, a description of each violation, a description of the penalty imposed for each violation and the name of the state in which each conviction occurred; and
- (j) The applicant's signature and the date on which the application is signed.

5. Such a permit is not transferable and may be cancelled by the Department for a violation of its conditions or if operation of the permit is found to be detrimental to wildlife.

6. Within 30 days after the expiration of a permit for the collection of unprotected wildlife, the Department may require the person to whom it was issued to report to the Department the number and disposition of the unprotected species he has taken. Any failure to submit the report is a cause for denial of a future application for a similar permit.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 9-20-83; A 4-18-86, eff. 4-25-86; 4-26-89; 5-22-97; R077-00, 8-18-2000; R138-03, 1-20-2004, eff. 3-1-2004)

**NAC 503.097 Collection of unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes: General requirements.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#), [503.380](#)) A person granted a permit to collect unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes pursuant to [NAC 503.095](#), [503.513](#) or [503.545](#) shall:

1. Comply with the terms, conditions and restrictions of the permit.
2. Immediately release, unharmed, any wildlife not authorized by the permit.
3. Allow at reasonable times any person employed by the Department who is authorized to enforce the provisions of this chapter free and unrestricted access to logs of transactions, records of collection and, for the purpose of inspecting the wildlife, the area or areas where the holder of a permit is collecting, possessing, storing or shipping unprotected wildlife.

4. If required by the Department, maintain daily records of the unprotected wildlife he has taken. Not later than the 10th day of each month, the Department must receive from the holder of the permit a report which summarizes the daily records of the previous month. The holder of the permit shall, as required by the Department, include on the report:

- (a) The total number of unprotected wildlife collected, by individual species;
- (b) The sex and age of each specimen of wildlife collected, if known;
- (c) A description of the location at which each specimen of wildlife was collected, as designated by:
  - (1) Township, range and sections;
  - (2) Coordinates of the Universal Transverse Mercator, within plus or minus 800 meters; or
  - (3) Other system of coordinates approved by the Department; and
- (d) A description of the habitat from which the specimen of wildlife was collected.

5. If required by the Department, maintain an annual chronological, written log of each transaction which involves the sale, barter, trade or other transfer of the specimen of wildlife collected or possessed under the authority of his permit. The holder of the permit shall record each such transaction in the log not later than the end of the business day on which the transaction occurred. The holder of the permit shall include in the log:

- (a) The name and address of each person to whom the wildlife is transferred;
- (b) The species of wildlife transferred and the number of each such species transferred; and
- (c) The date of the transfer.

➔ The holder of the permit shall maintain the annual log for at least 2 years after the date of the expiration of the permit to which the log applies.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 4-26-89; A 5-22-97)

**NAC 503.099 Collection of unprotected wildlife for commercial purposes: Compliance with applicable law.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.181](#), [503.380](#)) A permit issued pursuant to [NAC 503.095](#), [503.513](#) or [503.550](#) does not authorize the taking, transporting or disposal of unprotected wildlife in violation of any applicable federal, state, county or city law, regulation or ordinance.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 4-26-89; A 5-22-97)

**NAC 503.101 Factors for classification of wildlife as game.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) The Department shall consider the following factors in classifying a species or subspecies of wildlife as game:

1. The likelihood that the wildlife will be used as food;
2. The recreational value of hunting or fishing for the wildlife;
3. The economic value of hunting or fishing for the wildlife; and
4. Whether hunting or fishing for the wildlife is of value to the management of the wildlife.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 7-6-92)

**NAC 503.102 Factors for classification of wildlife as fur-bearing mammal.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) The Department shall consider the following factors in classifying a species or subspecies of wildlife as a fur-bearing mammal:

1. The economic value of the animal's fur;
2. The recreational value of trapping the animal; and
3. Whether trapping the animal is of value to the management of the animal.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 7-6-92)

**NAC 503.103 Criteria for classification of wildlife as protected.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) A species or subspecies of wildlife may be classified as protected if the Commission determines, from available information, that one or more of the following criteria exists:

1. The wildlife is found only in this State and its population, distribution or habitat is limited.
2. The wildlife has a limited population or distribution within this State that is likely to decline as a result of human or natural causes.
3. The population of the wildlife is threatened as a result of the deterioration or loss of its habitat.
4. The wildlife has ecological, scientific, educational or other value that justifies its classification as protected.
5. The available data is not adequate to determine the exact status of the population of the wildlife, but does indicate a limited population, distribution or habitat.
6. The wildlife is listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the Federal Register as a candidate species, or it is classified as threatened or endangered in the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.
7. Other evidence exists to justify classifying the wildlife as protected.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 7-6-92; A by R133-04, 10-28-2004)

**NAC 503.104 Criteria for classification of wildlife as sensitive.** ([NRS 501.105](#), [501.110](#), [501.181](#)) A species or subspecies of wildlife may be classified as sensitive if the Commission determines, from available information, that one or more of the following criteria exists:

1. The population or distribution of the wildlife is in a significant decline.
2. The population of the wildlife is threatened as a result of disease or predation or ecological or human causes.
3. The primary habitat of the wildlife is deteriorating.
4. The wildlife is listed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service in the Federal Register as a candidate species, or it is classified as threatened or endangered in the federal Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended, 16 U.S.C. §§ 1531 et seq.

(Added to NAC by Bd. of Wildlife Comm'rs, eff. 7-6-92; A by R133-04, 10-28-2004)